

ORDINANCE NO. 024-71

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
WITH RTA, METRA, AND PACE FOR  
THE REGIONAL DAY PASS PILOT  
PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority"), the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority and Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation ("Metra"), and the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority ("Pace") (collectively, the "Service Boards") each operate public transportation services in the Chicago metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Authority ("RTA") provides financial review and oversight of the Authority, Metra, and Pace; and

WHEREAS, On June 8, 2022, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 022-70, authorizing a decrease to the monthly price of the Link-Up Pass to Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), modifying the business rules allowing off-peak and weekend rides to pass users, and rebranding the pass as the "Regional Connect Pass"; and

WHEREAS, The Authority, Metra, and Pace, with support from RTA, now seek to build on these prior initiatives and advance regional integration by introducing a new, bundled regional daily pass offered by all Service Boards ("Regional Day Pass") for a six-month pilot period; and

WHEREAS, The Service Boards and RTA have agreed to terms for the Regional Day Pass and desire to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") to memorialize the responsibilities of the parties; and

WHEREAS, The pass will include unlimited CTA, Pace, and Metra rides (between selected zones), cost less than if the products were purchased separately, be sold electronically through the Ventra mobile app, and expire at 3:00 a.m. the following day once activated on the Ventra app; and

WHEREAS, The weekday full-fare day pass will cost \$10.00, \$13.50, or \$16.00 depending on the Metra Zone selected, the weekday reduced-fare day pass will cost \$6.00, \$8.00, or \$9.00, and the weekend full-fare day pass will cost \$10 for all Metra Zones; and

WHEREAS, The Service Boards will split the proceeds received from Regional Day Pass sales as described in the IGA attached as Exhibit A hereto, and RTA has agreed to reimburse the Service Boards for lost revenue up to a combined total of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00); and

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WHEREAS, The IGA contains a mutual indemnification clause and permits each party to terminate the agreement upon thirty (30) days' notice; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes entry into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Transportation Authority, Metra, and Pace for the Regional Day Pass Pilot Program.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Board, or designee, is authorized to execute an IGA which allows Regional Day Pass users to take Metra, CTA, and Pace rides at a lower overall cost than if the pass products were purchased separately, provides for a revenue split among the Service Boards as described in the IGA and for reimbursement from RTA to the Authority, Metra, and Pace for any lost revenue, up to a combined total amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), has a term which ends six (6) months after the launch date of the pass or when the reimbursement amount reaches the maximum, whichever is earlier, permits each party to terminate the agreement upon thirty (30) days' notice, and contains a mutual indemnification clause and such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Chicago Transit Authority, the Regional Transportation Authority, Metra (The Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority and the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation), and Pace (The Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority) for the Regional Day Pass Pilot Program attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 3. The Chairman, or designee, is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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Chairman

June 25, 2024

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Secretary

June 25, 2024